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Attorney Docket No. 2001P03156WOUS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor:	T. Abel et al.)		
)	Group Art Unit:	3748
Serial No.:	10/661,191)		
)	Examiner:	H. Nguyen
Filed:	September 12, 2003)		

Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING A STEAM POWER INSTALLATION AND
CORRESPONDING STEAM POWER INSTALLATION

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to accept the unintentionally delayed filing of priority claim after the required statutory time period

The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 was previously improperly submitted as part of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment mailed September 12, 2003, and is herein now revised and amended as follows:

--This application is the ~~US National Stage~~ continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP02/02023, filed February 25, 2002 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European applications No.

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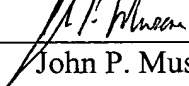
01106600.8EP, filed March 15, 2001, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional. In particular, priority was inadvertently claimed as a US national stage application rather than as a US continuation application. Also, a certified copy of the priority document is enclosed herewith.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required surcharge fee for unintentionally delayed priority claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), as well as any other appropriate fees due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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